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Request for Waiver of Deadline

Docket No. 02-6

USAC Case # 21-554698

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We were advised by USAC to file this request for waiver of a deadline. The case number above has the entire history of correspondences relating to the case.

We were notified by USAC in February 2007 that we had 20 days to certify our 486 for the services specified in FRN – 1051668. I was under the impression that we could no longer get the funding. I contacted USAC/SLD and inquired. We absolutely could not afford to purchase this equipment without the erate funding help. I made this very clear when I called them. I told Debbie Wilburn, with client services, that I had to be totally certain they would pay their part or I could not order the wireless access for the school.

Client services went over every part of the request. They had me file a Form 500 to adjust the contract expiration date in April of 2007. I had already been requested to file a service deadline request change in Sept. of 2005, and an Operational SPIN change request also in Sept. of 2005. Both of these were approved.

I then received an email from SLD telling me to order my services and file my 486. Which I did. Please see this email dated March 14, 2007 in our case file. Debbie Wilburn sent this email to me after my insistence that everything be right before I would order the equipment. Debbie and I both were told to go ahead - everything was correct.

I ordered the equipment and it was installed. I filed the proper 486 and it was accepted.

My service provider invoiced USAC/SLD and it was denied. The service provider had to file one form, which he did immediately. The second reason was my deadline – problem resolution tried to correct this and now they tell me it can't be done. Debbie Wilburn from the client bureau was told it was a go now the same people say they will not pay the invoice. This has left our school in a very bad position as I would not have ordered the equipment without the guarantee from USAC that everything was in place for us to get our discount. We could not afford it without the discount. I have all of this documentation in the emails in our case file.

The client desk suggested I request this waiver and was very apologetic that this happened.

Please consider approving this waiver. The order was made in good faith, with careful planning, and in compliance with everything I was instructed to file by USAC. They were totally aware I had to be sure before committing and gave me the go ahead.

Time is crucial as we have an outstanding bill. The service provider has been very understanding.

Sincerely,

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